

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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AT THE MARRIAGE SUPPER

Many Are Planning to be There to Enjoy
The Great Feast With The Lord.

BUT SURELY NO IMPURITY CAN ENTER THAT SACRED PLACE.

As for myself it seems almost too much to expect to be at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. It is my desire to be there and I do not know of anything at present that will debar me from that glorious privilege, but for me, a little insignificant weak worm of the dust to be honored so wonderfully is "almost too good to be true."

Why, just think of it! To be at the marriage supper of the great and wonderful Son of God! It is enough to be at a marriage supper with those of my own equal, but when I think of dining with those that will be at that great supper it seems too much. I feel so inferior to such a class as I picture in my mind that will be there. Some one remarked that he hoped some day to shake hands with St. Paul. I thought a moment, and then soliloquized thus: I hardly feel that it will be my lot to ever get close enough to that wonderful saint of God to shake hands with him. His position will so far surpass mine that if I get to see him at all it will be a great treat.

Indeed I want to measure up to the requirements so I can be there, but whether I will be able to do it or not I do not know. I do know, however, that I have salvation, and that my experience is bright, and the Holy Ghost abides, and if that is all that is required I will certainly be there. But I wish to consider a few scriptures on this subject with a view to giving us a better understanding of the subject.

Following the revelation God gave John concerning the last days he leads us step by step to the marriage supper. Without going over all the events as they are given in the previous chapters we are suddenly confronted with an interesting scene described in the nineteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation.

There is something new to take place. What is it? In the first verse John says, "And after these things." This infers that many things had occurred, and are now in the past. The whole panorama had passed before him. He had seen the whole of it and gave a description of all he had seen.

And now after all these things—the opening of the seals, the sounding of the trumpets, the two witnesses and their work and ministry, the woe, woe, woes, the war in heaven, the seven last plagues, the vials poured out, the woman arrayed in purple, the victory of the Lamb, and the final fall of Babylon. After all these things and many more, John "heard a great voice of much people in heaven saying, Alleluia!" This expression conveys to my mind a picture of shouting saints with uplifted hands giving glory to God.

Amidst all the roar of the shouts and praises that are proceeding from the mouths of mil-

lions of saints there is a voice heard, clear and distinct saying, "Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power unto the Lord our God: for true and righteous are his judgments." There have been awful judgments sent forth from the hand of an angry God, but this voice declares that they are righteous judgments.

After a few more words of explanation of what has been done the voice rings out above all the noise in clear and distinct tone, "Alleluia!" Getting ready for another scene. Something new is to break forth. Watch it and listen with attentive ear. Do not miss a single utterance, or do not fail to see everything that happens. Drawing nigh to something new, strange, and real. Will not do to "rest on your oars" and merely float now. Will not do to be the least bit drowsy or dull. Time is precious. Every nerve must be strong up to the highest tension. Must be on tiptoe with mouth, ears and eyes, open.

What is it! What is it! All of a sudden "the four and twenty elders and the four beasts (living creatures) fell down." I've witnessed similar scenes in some of our meetings. I'll never forget some of the scenes where almost whole congregations fell before God, crying, shouting, prostrate and seemingly almost lifeless, and in almost every form imaginable and yet indescribable. Scenes of this kind occur when God comes in with special blessings and outpourings.

There they are, down before God. Twenty-eight of them. Two ranks. In one rank are twenty-four, and in the other only four, but they are all down before God. And the thing came so suddenly that John says they "fell down." This is indeed wonderful. What does it all mean? My very soul seems thrilled as I witness the scene in my imagination as described by John. I enter into the feeling. My heart heaves as I write of this wonderful event. My pen fails to describe. It is wonderful! wonderful in the extreme! Twenty-eight heavenly beings down, down, down on their faces perhaps, engaged in the solemn worship of God.

Lookout! Something still a head! What are they saying? Can they say anything? Can they lift up their voices and say anything while under such a spell of worship and thrill of glory rushing through their being as they are there in the very presence of God? In His presence? Yes, for John says, "The four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne." And what did they say? Only two words, but they are full of meaning. Listen carefully, "Amen; Alleluia!"

This is not the end of the scene. Our heart thrills with emotion as we approach the

depths of this wonderful mystery?

That wonderful, tremendous, thunderous voice said, "Let us be glad and rejoice!" The time for His marriage has come—has come. What an event, that would call forth such preliminaries! Twenty-four elders, and four living creatures, down before God in the attitude of worship, the mighty voice that announces the event, and now the time has come, "and his wife hath made herself ready." My soul is exultant now. I'm peering deeper into the mystery. I have hitherto been scanning the surface, but oh, now it is unspeakable. Mystery upon mysteries! The marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife hath made herself ready. At last! At last! How long He has waited! Faithfully, patiently waited!

But listen! We are not to the end yet. There is more to follow. Watch for the next scene. There, up rolls the curtain! What do you see? There upon the right hand of the Son of God stands His Bride. The Psalmist saw her and describes the royal pair in the following terse language, "Upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir. *** Her clothing is of wrought gold. She (has been brought) unto the King in raiment of needle work." (Psalm 45:9-14.) There they stand! Can I have the privilege of looking upon such a pair? Could it be possible that I could even behold such a glorious scene afar off? Too wonderful, too wonderful for me! How can I express it? Words fail again to describe the glorious scene. But it will be a blessed reality some blessed day.

But what else did John have to say about this wonderful event? It was now time to make a record and he was commanded to "Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." And this is the very place, and many are planning to be there to enjoy the great feast with the Lord. I wonder if I may have the pleasure! I wonder who will have the pleasure! In the language of the Psalmist I exclaim, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it." (Psalm 139:6.)

But somebody will be called, and many that I know are really and truly planning to be there to enjoy that great and wonderful feast with the Lord. To make the matter more forcible and a thousand times more impressive the voice said to John, "These are the true sayings of God." This is no fiction. This is a love story, and the greatest one ever written, but it is a true one. But at last the marriage supper is announced.

The scene was too much for John, so it is too much for me. Scarcely was the curtain dropped that hid the scene on the stage from his view till he fell at the feet of the great stage manager. (Rev. 19:10.) This is enough to show that it will be wonderful. If the revelation of it, which was not the real thing itself, had such an effect upon John till he fell as he did, what kind of an effect will it have on you or me when we come face to face with the wonderful reality! I feel like laying down my pen and

raising my hands in solemn won-

der and admiration. And I, I be there? Well, how can I stand it when it is to be so grand—so sublime—so wonderful! And surely no impurity can enter that sacred place. All the dross and tin will have to be removed.

Indeed, I want to be there, but can I endure the process that will fully prepare me for that greatest of all events? The dross and tin must all be removed. (Isa. 1:25.) The purifying process may be too much for me. "He is like a refiner's fire; and like fuller's soap." And He shall refine and purify and purge and cleanse until no impurity remains. (Mal. 3:2,3.) Then He will turn His hand upon us (Isa. 1:25) to polish us and make us a diadem of beauty—"a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of (our) God." (Isa. 62:3.) And it will take all of this to make us suitable to be there to adorn that sacred place with our presence.

Can probably find no language that will better describe what it will take to prepare us for a seat at that feast than the following poem by an unknown author:

THE REFINER'S FIRE.

He, sat by a furnace of seven-fold heat,
As He watched by the precious ore,
And closer He bent with a searching gaze
As He heated it more and more.

He knew He had ore that could stand the test
And He wanted the finest gold,
To mold as a crown for the King to wear,
Set with gems of price untold.

So He laid our gold in the burning fire,
Tho' we faint would say Him, "Nay,"
And watched the dross that we had not seen,
As it melted and passed away.

And the gold grew brighter and yet more bright,
But our eyes were dim with tears
We saw but the fire—not the Master's hand,
And questioned with anxious fears.

Yet our gold shone out with a richer glow
As it mirrored a Form above.

That bent o'er the fire, tho' unseen by us,
With a look of ineffable love.

Can we think it pleases His loving heart?
To cause us a moment's pain?

Ah, no! but He sees thro' the present cross

The bliss of eternal gain.
So He waited there with a watchful eye,

With a love that is strong and sure;

And His gold did not suffer a bit more heat

Than was needed to make it pure

And it will mean all of this and more to be at the marriage supper of the Lamb. These are but preliminaries, but if we would be there we must go this way. Daniel says, "Purified, and made white, and tried." (Dan. 12:10.) Job says, "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as Gold." (Job 23:10.) The Psalmist says, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." (Psalm 17:15.) John says, "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (1 John 3:3.)

If I can only be called to the marriage supper I am blessed. "Blessed are they which are

called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." (Rev. 19:9.) Here is the picture: The Bridegroom and Bride standing (Psalm 45:9), others shall be there with a gift (Psalm 45:12), the queens, the concubines, and virgins, (Cant. 6:8, Psalm 45:14,) shall be brought in. What a scene! Then the supper. What will it be? You can draw on your imagination to the extreme limit and yet there is no end. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed (at the marriage supper) ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." (1 Peter 4:12-13.) "For he is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think." (Eph. 3:20.) And truly "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (1 Cor. 2:9.)

Beloved, let us do our best, and surely God will give us a place suited to our experience, but do not be content with a lower grade when there is plenty of room at the top. The Church of God stands for the very highest and best, and it is not its purpose to let its members ease along and finally be shut out when they come loitering along behind and knock and can't get in. (Matt. 25:10-13.) Do not content yourselves with being a mere virgin, for fear you might fall in the rank of the foolish ones and never get to be at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Obeying Orders.

"No campaign on land or sea can be carried on successfully unless the rank and file have learned to obey the word of command. To one of his midshipmen Nelson gave this piece of advice: 'You must always implicitly obey orders, without attempting to form any opinion of your own respecting their propriety.' In war the disobedience of a single sentinel may cost the lives of thousands of his fellow-soldiers. In time of peace a disobedient soldier is rightly punished with severe penalties, because it is necessary for the safety and success of an army in the hour of danger that every man should obey by habit.

Among the hermits and monks of the early Christian Church obedience was valued very highly indeed. One of them has praised it in these words: 'Obedience is the mother of all virtues.'

What is the highest reason which makes us obey the word of command? It is not the need of perfect discipline, still less is it the fear of punishment. It is the love and respect and the trust which the giver of the command inspires. If we love and reverence and trust God we shall wish to obey him.

Disobedience separates from God and causes unhappiness; obedience is pleasing to God and brings happiness.—[Sel.]

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Thirteen thousand of the little white winged messenger fly over the world this week. We must have an increase of two thousand more by the first of May. Help us please.

The monthly reports for Jan. have been coming in nicely. Most of them show a compliance with Paul's injunction, "Not slothful in business," but many of the ministers and churches have been greatly hind red in their work by the influenza epidemic. Hope this will be over soon, so the work can be restored to a normal condition again.

We would like for the treasurers in making out their reports to be careful in giving the name of the place where the church is located. Some fail to give the name at all, others give one name one time and probably the next time will be a different name for the same place. These chances confuse us and cause us not a little trouble to keep our records correct. Please always give the name and always stick to the same name.

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Brother W. R. Messer, now of Pulaski, Va., has set his stakes for 25 subscriptions this year. God bless you my brother. I am very sure your energy and zeal will win the goal. I hope others will take up this work and set stakes and work to them. We must reach the twenty thousand mark by next Assembly in Nov. and we can do it easily if all will take hold of it like many are doing. Come on brother--sister--help all you can.

Try to get the new Sunday schools started up and organized by the middle of March so you can order your literature and commence in good fashion with the beginning of the next quarter the first of April. We will furnish literature to new schools the balance of this quarter at a reduced price if you will write us and ask for the favor.

Treasurers should always remember to keep the tithes and offer-

ings separate; and each individual should pay his tithes into the church treasury, and then make a free will offering besides, but do not put the tithes and offerings in together unless the amount of tithes and offerings is designated on a slip of paper accompanying the money. We must not do business for God with a slack hand.—Prov. 10:4.

When a husband and wife that are both ministers are working together each one should send in their report so as to complete the files and records at the office, but it will be all right for the husband to make the principle report and the wife only report the work she has done independent of her husband. She should report the sermons she has preached and what ever else she has done. In the space allotted for remarks she should state that she is working with her husband. This same rule should be applied when two or more ministers happen to be together in a meeting. We cannot keep the files and records correct unless each minister sends in a report. And if prevented from doing any work, the report should be sent in any way and on it give a reason for having nothing to report.

If there are any ministers or churches that have not yet received their monthly report forms they should write to head quarters for them. It was not our intention to miss any, but if we have, or if any have been lost in the mails, we would like to know it so we can supply them.

Join the Evangel subscription campaign if you have not already and help us put the little white-winged dove of peace into a thousand new homes by the middle of next month. We can do this if we all try. Then let us try. Others need the paper as well as you.

Every church, under the guidance of the pastor and deacons, should systematize the local church work as authorized by the Assembly so that every member will be given special attention and care. By this means not one member will move away and the local church not know where to find him. This matter should not be neglected. Our people are constantly moving about and without this system in good working order many will be lost and neglected. This should not be when there is a better way provided by the Assembly as they have dug it out of the Scripture.

Send for extra copies of the Evangel and the subscription order blanks and roll up a good list of subscriptions. Many of your friends and neighbors will subscribe when you tell them of the good soul food and stirring testimonials given in the little white winged messenger. If the paper is a blessing to you then do not be content without having others to get some of the same benefits you receive.

Keep watching the Evangel for something special. Can't tell yet just when it will appear.

Look out for a plan to be outlined in next week's paper for a special subscription campaign for the first ten days of March. Send for your order blanks and extra papers and get ready for it. But do not wait till then to solicit subscriptions, for it will not interfere with the regular every day work.

Our friends, the lovers of the Evangel, are working faithfully, and their interest and help are greatly appreciated by us, and we would love to take each one by the hand express to them a word of cheer and love. We have thousands of friends we have never seen, but they have seen the Evangel and love its

appearing. God bless you all! God bless you all!

Be on fire for God every minute of your life. This is no time to cool off.

THE HIDDEN TREASURE.

MRS. ETHEL LEE

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." Matt. 13:44.

In older times it was customary for people to hide their treasures in the earth, as they had no banks as we do now, and in the earth was considered a safe hiding place. Often the place of concealment was forgotten. Death might claim the owner, or something might separate him from his treasure, and the wealth he had taken such pains to preserve was left for the fortunate finder.

In Christ's day it was common to find in neglected land old coins of gold and silver. In the parable spoken of, the man finds the treasure and for joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field for he sees that a fortune is within his reach. His family and friends think that he is acting very unwisely for with just looking at the field they see no value in the neglected soil but the man knows what he is doing and when he has a title to the field he searches every part of it to find the treasure.

This parable illustrates the value of the heavenly treasure, and the effort that should be made to secure it.

The finder of the treasure was ready to part with all his possessions, ready to put forth untiring labor, willing to bear the criticism of his friends that he might secure the hidden riches. So it should be with the finder of heavenly treasures, they should count no labor too great, no sacrifice too dear in order to gain the heavenly truth.

The field represents the Holy Scriptures, and the Gospel is the treasure. The earth itself is not so filled with gold and other precious things as the Word of God. The treasure is said to be hidden. This treasure, the plan of redemption, its beauty and mystery, cannot be perceived by those who are wise in their own estimation and puffed up. "They have eyes but they see not; they have ears but they hear not."

God does not conceal His truth from men, but they by their own course of action make it obscure to themselves. Jesus said, "Their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed." They have not the love of truth in their hearts. If our Gospel be hidden, it is hidden to them that the gods of this world hath blinded.

Men are eagerly seeking after the treasures of this world, and are rejecting the greatest gift that heaven can bestow. Our salvation depends on a knowledge of the truth contained in the Scriptures. It is God's will that we possess this.

Search, oh search the precious Bible with hearts open to the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

Explore God's Word as the miner explores the earth to discover veins of gold.

Search to know the commands of the Lord that you might obey them.

Disobedience has closed the door to a vast amount of knowledge.

Let us not think there is no more to be gained. We have, as it were, been working on the surface of the mine, when rich ore is beneath to reward the one who digs for it.

In His prayer, Jesus gave a lesson which should be graven on every mind and heart. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." This is the knowledge which is obtained by searching

the Scriptures; and this treasure may be found by all who will give all to obtain it.

"Ya, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding, If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up, sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgement, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul." This is true education.

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Crandall, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. We have truly been tried with the influenza but God has been with us.

Have just returned from Pitts, Ga., where we had a few days meeting. The Lord surely did bless. We left the saints shouting the victory.

Please pray for me that God may use me for the salvation of lost souls.

S. L. Cantrell.

Notice.

We expect to be with Brother E. L. Simmons, overseer of the Orlando district, from the 20th to 23rd.

On the 23rd we desire representatives from each church on the district to be present at Brooksville where Brother Simmons is holding a revival in a tent. This is a district meeting for general instructions.

F. J. Lee.

Copperhill, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I want to thank God for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. Six years ago, the Lord sent two of His servants to Copperhill to preach the true gospel, and as they preached the Word with power and the glory of God shining from their faces, my heart was touched.

While I had been claiming to be a Christian for four years, I now saw that I needed something more,

and began to hunger and thirst after righteousness. I got willing to forsake all and follow Jesus and He sanctified me. Praise His name!

Later the Holy Ghost came in and spoke for

Himself. A joy came into my soul, and the way is getting brighter and sweeter to me, each day.

I want to be a true witness for Jesus, am striving to get closer to Him. I want to be able to stand the tests and go through. I do praise God for this wonderful salvation that makes our souls rejoice in the Lord. My heart aches as I look out upon this dark world and see so many souls going to hell. Surely if there ever was a time when we ought to weep for souls it is now.

I have a dear father, mother, three sisters, and three brothers, not in this way, and I want every saint of God to pray that God will bring them in before it is too late. Pray for me and my husband that we may stand true. I want to live the life every day, and have on the robe of righteousness, and my lamp burning.

Your sister in Christ, Ollie Tarpley.

East Chattanooga, Tenn.

Brother Tomlinson:

My heart is so full of love and joy this morning. I have been praying for the Lord to give me something to do for Him, as it seemed all the saints were doing more than me, but I am delighted with what He has given me to do. I am satisfied and contented with my work. He tells me to work for the Evangel. I may not be able to obtain much results but I am going to do my best. You can depend on me as one of the workers for the Evangel. I feel sure the Lord gave me this work to do, for the Holy Ghost witnessed to it. Thank God!

H. D. Evans.

Washington, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory in my soul. The Holy Ghost so sweetly abides. I praise Him for healing me of influenza and pneumonia. One of my eyes was put out but it has been restored.

Your sister in Christ, Bettie Griffin.

Elizabethton, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings:

We can still report victory. We organized a Sunday school yesterday, with forty enrolled, and a number of others promised to come next Sunday. We have sufficient members to set the church in order, but waiting for Brother Llewellyn to come.

We had a baptizing yesterday and eight were baptized.

The saints from Johnson City were with us last night. They are anxious for a revival and a church, as they have several sanctified, and eight filled with the Holy Ghost.

We had a good meeting last night, one received the Holy Ghost, and others blessed. We desire the prayers of the saints that we may move forward.

Your humble servant,
L. C. Yates and Workers.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Evangel Family:

I praise God for victory in my soul tonight. The Lord is giving us some wonderful meetings. Souls are being sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the grand old Church of God and our Sunday school is wonderful.

Also the sick are being healed. Yesterday we were called to pray for boy who was very sick. His parents thought that he was about gone. His eyes were open but he could not see, neither could he hear nor speak. We prayed and the Lord healed him and in about five minutes he called for something to eat.

We have some anxious seekers here, please pray with us for them.

May God bless every one.

Yours in Him,
O. F. Bright.

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Kilmichael, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am really glad that I can report victory this morning; am on the run for glory. My eyes are set toward heaven. Praise God! By the grace of God I mean to stand and go sweeping through. Thank God!

I praise God for His wonderful outpouring of his Spirit in these last days.

Brother Fritz, and Brother O. A. Churchill held a meeting here which was a great success,

During the meeting twenty-five received the Holy Ghost. Thirteen came into the Church of God, and others coming in soon. There was shouting, dancing, and talking in tongues

The Church And Revivals

SAM C. PERRY.

A revival is "a recall to life or activity, an awakening to spiritual concerns."

But the bride, the Church of God, as set forth in the Scriptures, has life and activity, and is awake to spiritual things. Indeed she is the channel, or agent through which the revivals come to those who are asleep, or in coldness, are dead, are powerless, or are in Satan's grasp.

This is her mission, her work, to spread the light, love, fire and power of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. Nothing secular, material or worldly supersedes this, it is first.

The "Virgins" were not the bride. They were asleep when the "midnight cry" was made. The man who laid his pound up in a napkin lost his soul, and so with all the Scribes, Pharisees and false professors, who had "a name to live" but "were dead."

The word of life which brings life and blessing to men, must be carried to the world. It brings a conflagration wherever it goes. But its carriers, the "vessels" that bear it are the pure, spotless members of His own body. None others dare carry it, they cannot.

The offering of "strange fire" before the Lord, the carrying of "the ark" of God by improper hands, a Judas among the apostles of the Lamb, Ananias and Sapphira among the Spirit baptized give sufficient warning. If for objects other than that which possessed the hearts of Peter, John and Paul, you stand in the service of God today, you are on dangerous ground indeed. The portion of the above mentioned may not be yours immediately, but the reaping time will surely come by and by.

It should not have to be said "the church needs reviving." If so, what is its condition? What if the light bearer lose his light? Or the guide get out of the way, or the salt lose his savor? Suppose the life-boat should, itself capsize, or the thrower of the lifeline go overboard? "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

No the spotless church, the body of Jesus, His lonely bride, does not need reviving. She is awake to all Spiritual things. She is all life and activity. She is about her Master's business. She is throwing out the life-line, rescuing the perishing. Others may sleep, and slumber, or stumble in the darkness, but she walks in the light, arrayed for the appearing of her Lord. The sending forth of her numbers, if only by twos, means the kindling of revival fires. Her ministers are "flames of fire," and all her numbers aid in her great mission of bringing light and blessing to mankind.

We should not allow ourselves under any circumstances to settle down and rest easy, when no souls are being saved and no salvation work is going on among us. If such is our condition we

need to do "our first works" again. For we are surely not ready to meet our Lord, and enter with Him to the great feast that awaits.

The bride is not in such a case. She is always on the alert to advance the interests of the Master's cause and Kingdom. She never tires in His service, takes no vacations or rests, but is watching and working always. The things of this earth do not attract her. All its honors, possessions and glory are to her empty and vain. Her hopes are in Jesus. Her treasures are above. She seeks the things of Jesus Christ. They are more beautiful and attractive to her than "all the world." Hence, to awaken and stir the cold professors, bring back the backsliders, reach the lost and fallen with the gospel, bringing them all to the feet of her Lord is her most delightful service.

Revivals; Revivals; Salvation flowing full and free; is the only normal state of this glorious bloodbought company, the redeemed, who will walk with Him some day in white, having been washed in the blood of the Lamb. She is not at ease or in comfort anywhere else. Her cry is as one of old, "Give me children or I die." And through the mighty fires that burn in her bosom souls are being brought into the Master's great fold, and as "a mighty army with banners," though unnoticed, unloved, and unhonored, by this world, she sweeps on, conquering and to conquer, until that day, when, with all who belong to her vast company, she shall be crowned in glory.

Not the ordinary, every day sort of professors that backslide occasionally, or need to be revived now and then, compose this glorious company, but the pure in heart, who serve God with all their hearts, all the time, doing all in His name, giving Him full right of way in every avenue of life, that in everything He may have the pre-eminence now. To this "many are called but few are chosen." With diligence make thy "calling and election sure."

East Bank W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' precious Name:

I want to praise God for the way He has worked with my soul. One year ago last November He wonderfully saved me from sin and about two weeks later, He sanctified me through His own precious blood. Two months later God filled me with the Holy Ghost and I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I praise God because I am still saved and the Holy Ghost still abides. God certainly is good to those that love Him. Praise His name forever!

Brother F. B. Worley of this place has just closed a meeting at Cedar Grove, W. Va. which is

just across the river from here. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Nine received the Holy Ghost and shouted and danced under the mighty power of God. A number were deeply convicted.

I am so glad I found the way of Holiness and was honest with God and walked in the light. I never heard holiness preached until one year ago, but even when a child I wondered how folks could be Christians and sinners both at the same time. I had never heard anything preached but that you had to sin a little every day. I am thanking God for showing me the true way from earth to glory. The devil tempts me but I am so glad that Jesus gives us grace sufficient to overcome.

It is wonderful to be a child of God, bless His dear name! I have had more happiness in this one year that I have been serving God than all the rest of my life. My heart's desire is to be a true follower of Jesus. I want to live in this world in such a way that should He come or call, I'll be ready to go.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that God will heal me. I have had influenza and it left me very weak. I know God doesn't change for He has healed me at different times.

With great compassion, Christ was stirred,

While He, the plea of suffering heard;

He spoke the great life-giving words,

"I am the great Physician."

He saved the soul from sin and shame, He healed the sick, the blind, the lame;

I know His power is just the same;

Christ is the great Physician.

Pray that God may keep me in the center of His will.

Your sister in Christ,

Maud May.

Convo, Ohio.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the dear Saints;

I want to sound a note of praise to God for He has done so much for me. I praise Him for saving me from my sins, and because He sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise the Lord, we are on our way to heaven.

I praise Him for His healing power. He has healed my body many times, and truly He gets the glory for it all.

Please pray a special prayer for Mr. Hill that he may be healed of a cancer.

Pray for me that I may be a soul winner for Christ.

Your sister,

Mrs. Margaret Daniel.

Evansville, Ind.

We are having a wonderful time at Evansville. More than thirty have received the Holy Ghost and the end is not yet.

S. O. Gillaspie.

Request For Prayer.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

We have been confined to our home for nearly four months with sickness in my family. The "flu" broke in near four months ago and my wife has been down nearly three months with relapse. Many prayers have been offered by her bedside and the power of God has been wonderfully demonstrated and she would get relief for a little while then the enemy would overcome her again. But thank God the prayer of faith has saved her till now. Will you pray with me that God will deliver so I can get out in the gospel work again. It is sure a test on me, as there are so many calls for work. We ask an interest in all your prayers that God will supply all our needs, and this God has promised, and we want her healed if it is God's will so I can get out in the gospel work. Pray much that God will have his way.

From your brother under the blood,

W. F. Bryant.

Tilton, Miss.

God is wonderfully blessing our work. Nineteen have been baptized with the precious Holy Ghost, many others have been sanctified.

One night the Lord gave us an extra spread. Eight or ten of the saints handled fire under the power of the Holy Ghost. The Lord is wonderfully working. Bless His name forever!

We are going to establish a church here soon.

Brother Tomlinson and all the saints, please pray for my healing. I have an awful stomach trouble caused by measles, and have been suffering for over a year. I am trusting God for my healing. All pray a special prayer for me.

Your brother in Jesus,

A. C. Sumner.

OBITUARIES.

On Jan. 17, 1919, Brother S. A. Spence, of Philadelphia, Pa., aged 63 years, fell asleep in Jesus. He was a true Christian, and a faithful member of the Church of God.

A few minutes before he died he sang, "Joy is flowing like a river since the Comforter has come." He leaves a wife, three children, and a host of friends to mourn his death.

C. F. Bright.

On Jan. 16, 1919, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Jack Padgett of Lake Park Ga., and carried their daughter Effie, home to heaven. She had been married a year to Lene McCain.

She leaves a husband, father, mother, two brothers, four sisters, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death. We feel sure our loss is heaven's gain.

One who loved her.

On Jan. 8, 1919, Sister Ella E. Kriger, aged 30 years, 9 months, and 7 days, departed this life. She bore her afflictions with great patience, and gave messages to many to get closer to God.

She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Short's Creek, Va. She leaves a husband, four children, father, mother, four sisters and friends to mourn her loss.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. F. J. Crowder. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church. We expect to meet her where there will be no sorrow.

Your brother,
John Bays.

On Jan. 16, 1919, Brother H. W. Kinsey, departed this life to be with Jesus. His death was caused by influenza. He was a faithful member of the church at Bethel, Ga., for seven years.

He leaves a wife, four children, and many friends to mourn his death.

The funeral service was conducted by J. W. Culpepper.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, From which none ever wake to weep."

The body was laid to rest in the Kinsey cemetery at Lake Park, Ga., to await the resurrection mourn.

Your brother,
J. F. Culpepper.

On Jan. 17, 1919, Lillian May, daughter of Luther G. and Clara A. Mulliken, Trappe, Md., departed this life, after a short illness of influenza, which developed into pneumonia.

She was a member of the Church of God, received the baptism at Barbar, where a meeting was conducted by Brother John Pitcher and wife.

She leaves a father, mother, four sisters, two brothers, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Truly we can say she was loved by all who knew her. In her last prayer at her sick sister's bed, before she was taken ill herself, she praised God for supplying all her needs, and praised

Him that whatever happened to her she was ready to go.

One of her favorite hymns was: "From sinking sand He lifted me; with tender hand He lifted me from shades of night, to the land of light.

O praise His name He lifted me."

A friend.

On Jan. 9, 1919, the death angel visited the home of Brother Logan White, of Walhalla, S. C. and carried away their little daughter, Nora, aged 7 years. She had been sick several days with influenza, which developed into pneumonia and caused her death. They trusted the Lord to the end.

Little Nora was loved by all, but God needed her in heaven. She is just a little flower budded on earth, transplanted to bloom in heaven. She had strong faith in God, and when her little body was racked with pain she sang, "It is joy unspeakable." She fell asleep in Jesus without any pain.

The funeral was conducted by Brother W. H. Cross, and her body laid to rest in the Church of God cemetery at Walhalla, S. C. May God bless all the bereaved family and loved ones.

Dear Nora, thou hast left us, Never more on earth to roam; Some sweet day we hope to meet you With the angels around the throne.

Oh, how sad it is to part, From those we love so dear; But we know it was God's will, To call her from us here.

She has gone to dwell with Jesus, Her voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in the home Which never can be filled.

While she is gently sleeping, In the cold dark clay, Let us be ready to meet her, Again in heaven some day.

One who loved her,
Myrtle Whitehead.

Kingston, Jamaica.

We have been holding a revival meeting since Jan. 5th. We had a glorious time. Two were saved, four received the Holy Ghost, four others were sanctified. We are still going on.

Nina A. Stapleton.

NOTICE.

To my Friends and Co-workers: Wife and I are preparing to enter into a meeting at Tishomingo, Okla. and would be glad to hear from you, especially the Church of God workers in Okla. and those who expect to come here to work this year.

All those expecting letters from us please bear with us as our correspondence has reached more than 35 letters a week, but always appreciate news of how the Lord is dealing with you.

Your Servant in Him,
R. L. Cotnam,
Overseer of Okla.

Bucyrus, Mo.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I'm writing you a few lines to let you know where I am. I have been here about two months but have had no services until last Saturday night because of the influenza. We had good services Saturday night and Sunday.

I am going from here to St. Louis in about two weeks. Pray for me that I may do the will of our God.

Your humble sister,
Francis Bacon.

Lyra, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here. We certainly do appreciate our state overseer Brother Scoggins, and he certainly does preach the gospel. We are looking for great things this year. Texas is a needy field and we need more true soldiers to fight against sin. We want more Churches of God in Texas.

Every one help us pray that Texas will be taken for God.

M. E. Drake.



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Dear Brother Tomlinson:

While in service a few nights ago, the following message was written by Brother Wilbert Halle, under the greatest power we have ever seen, and his eyes were closed. The message is just as it was written, as there have been no corrections made.

"Be quiet that my peace may be upon you, and you may know that I am God. My chastisement is upon the Nations. I will pour out my wrath without mixture upon the unrepenting."

The day, the day of my wrath is come, my arm will not be stayed, vengeance is mine, I am the Almighty, thus have I said, the slain of the Lord shall be many in that day. Turn unto me, why should death be your portion. Beloved, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Get thee away, hide thee under the Blood. Look, look, oh look unto the Lamb and be healed.

Shiloh is my name, I am your Ishi get thee unto the healing waters.

Beloved Maraba is healed, her waters are pure, get unto the hill lands, find ye refuge in the cedars of Lebanon, where my place is. I am far from the valley of confusion and the lowlands of despair, I am come up as thy everlasting God, and I call ye forth, be my people, oh come, learn my chosen ways. I am sealing my chosen."

Rhine, Ga.

To the Saints Scattered Abroad— Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am glad to have the great privilege of praising God through the Evangel. There are many of us who will never see each other face to face, but we can read one another's testimonies in the paper, and some day meet together in that beautiful home "where cometh no night." Praise God! It is sweet to know there is a resting place for all who will do the will of God. There is something more for us to do than just to be saved. We must have the blood applied to our hearts and be sanctified, then we are ready for the Holy Ghost. In order to get this blessing it takes a close walk with God. Some people think we can not be sanctified till we are ready to die. I thank God I have seen the light on holiness and know now that we must get ready, and stay ready to meet Jesus, for we know not what hour He will come, or call. We find in Rev. 22:11. "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

We wish to commend those very highly who are responding to the request of the General Assembly and board of Elders, which request we believe to be in accordance with both the Old and New Testament Scriptures. We find in the third chapter of Exodus where God called one man—Moses and commanded him to deliver the children of Israel from bondage and as Moses did not feel able to do this great work alone, God gave him his brother Aaron, to help him.

Read Exodus 4:10-17. As the work became greater and greater we find in Ex. 18:13-26 where Moses was allowed other helpers. Surely God was not displeased with this. Read Matt. 4:18-22 also Luke 6:13-16, how Christ called helpers at the beginning of His ministry.

Now we see in Acts 15 when the dispute arose about circumcision how that Paul and Barnabas went to the council at Jerusalem to consult the Apostles and elders in regard to this subject, and after much disputing it was finally settled by James, who must have been at the head of the church at this time. When he passed this sentence, it pleased the Holy Ghost, elders, and apostles, Acts 15:28 Read verses 21-22. We see that they wrote the decision and sent it to the Gentiles, also sent "Judas and Silas to tell the same things." So surely we are not on unscriptural grounds to have a General Overseer and board of Elders, though the Bible does not call James, General Overseer, yet we see plainly that he was superior in authority to the others. We must admit this. Now brothers the point is this, it is requested that each member pay one tenth of his income to the treasurer of the local church and if said local church has no treasurer appointed, if you will notify overseer of state he will attend to the matter at once.

To lead souls to Christ we must win them through love and not abuse them. "God is love," "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." So we can by our life prove to the world that we have this love and we can so live that when we talk to sinners about their soul's salvation they will have confidence in us. This great love of God is possessed by all those who have obtained the fullness of God.

Dear saints, we must set our affections on things above and press 'em to the goal.

May the tender love and mercy of God be with all the children of God everywhere. Pray for me that I may lead souls to Christ.

Yours for lost souls,
A. M. Martin.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Evangel Readers:

I want to sound a note of praise to our King for the glory that fills my soul just now. I am praising God for a salvation that is real, and that we can know without a doubt our sins are under the blood. Hallelujah!

When just a small child the Lord wonderfully saved me from sin, and from that time I had a great desire to live for Him. A few months ago when the light of full salvation came to me, I gave up all for Him, and He sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

The way grows sweeter and brighter each day. Praise His name! I am praising God because I am a member of the Church of God,—the real Bible church. I have a greater determination to do more for Him, and get a deeper experience than ever before. I want to so live each day that if I should be called away that I would be ready to meet Jesus and the loved ones that are waiting for me.

I desire an interest in your prayers that I may ever stay under the blood.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs R.E. Hamilton.

Notice.

To the Church Treasurers, Ministers and Members in Mississippi—Greetings of love to All:

I want to greet each one of you through the columns of the Evangel, and thank each church, minister, and member, for the warm welcome given me at each church visited. And thank you in advance for the welcome I have not been able to reach yet, but expect to at an early date as possible.

We wish to commend those very highly who are responding to the request of the General Assembly and board of Elders, which request we believe to be in accordance with both the Old and New Testament Scriptures.

We find in the third chapter of Exodus where God called one man—Moses and commanded him to deliver the children of Israel from bondage and as Moses did not feel able to do this great work alone, God gave him his brother Aaron, to help him.

God bless each one. I hope to recommend you evangelists for the office of bishop at the close of this year.

Your little brother with the interest of the work at heart,

E. B. Oulpepper,
Overseer of Miss.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God today for salvation that keeps me free from sin.

Many people are being made free by the truth of God. "If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

John 8:36. Some people marvel at us because we are so free, but if they only knew the joy that we have deep in our hearts no doubt they would begin to seek for the same experience.

Jesus prayed that our joy might be full, and He gave His life for us, then how much more we ought to take heed and tell others about this wonderful salvation, and do our best for God. Our time is short to work for God, so let us work while it is day, "the night is coming when no man can work."

The people of the world are looking upon us in many ways. They don't understand why we are so happy. We love God and keep His commandments. There are many commandments in the Bible that people know nothing about, because darkness has blinded their eyes.

Jesus has commanded us to repent, and if we will not repent we will perish. We must not stop here, but seek and obtain sanctification through the precious blood of Jesus.

Listen! have you heard Jesus say, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49. He is talking here to His disciples. I imagine I see them as they return to Jerusalem from Bethany, and enter the "upper room" where they tarried ten

until the new month is one third or half gone to send in a report to headquarters. Send reports promptly in order to be sent to overseer of state, as headquarters have many reports to read and file before said report is made out. So please attend to this promptly on last day of month and mail to headquarters with the tenth of all tithes paid during the month. I notice that from eighteen churches in the state of Mississippi only eight reported for November and seven for December.

Dear brothers send in a report from your church whether you have any funds or not, then we can investigate the cause of said local church, or if you know the reason why members are not paying tithes, give the reason with your report as Paul tells us in Rom. 12:11, to be not slothful in business. Read Heb. 6:10-12.

To the Evangelists in Miss. I notice that from 13 licensed Evangelists in our state, only four have reported for the month of December. We wish to commend those who have reported promptly, both treasurers and evangelists, and we want to ask those who have failed to report to please do so promptly in the future and all ministers are expected to send the tenth of all free will offerings to headquarters with their reports, and those who have an income from private, or secular labor, are required to place the tenth of said income in the local church treasury, and if said church has no treasurer, please notify overseer of state or district overseer and he will appoint one at once. Now dear ones, we make this request with a heart full of love for each of you and hope you will receive same in the spirit of love, as we are sure this is to the best interest of the great Church of God and to get lost souls to Christ. Read Heb. 13:17.

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E. B. Oulpepper,
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days and received the Holy Ghost.

You say it stopped on the day of Pentecost. I see Peter eight years later going over to Caesarea to preach to the Gentiles, Cornelius and his household, and they received the Holy Ghost. How did they know this? "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 10:46. Twenty-two years after Pentecost in Acts 19:6 we find where Paul laid his hands on certain disciples, and "the Holy Ghost came on them" and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied.

In James 5:7, he speaks of "the early and latter rain." After Jesus ascended to heaven they received the early rain, and today the latter rain is falling, and this is why we have such joy. It is enough to make people marvel to see how God manifests His power in our midst. We as the people of God should be very careful how we walk and talk in these days, and should pray the power down upon the people looking this way. Let us walk softly before Him, and be ready to go the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Your brother in His service.

Roy Earl Hamilton.

Eldorado, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I am praising God for victory in my soul.

The meeting here is still going on, and great interest is being manifested. Fifty have gotten the blessing and thirty-one have been added to the church.

Dear Brother White of Corbin, Ky. is with us.

We do not know when this meeting will close. The altar is full every night.

We want the saints to pray for us.

Your brother in His service,
Toney Ford.

Notice.

To all the Colored Ministers of the Church of God in the Miami District:

We will hold a district conference on the 18th of Feb. 1919, God willing. We hope that every colored minister in the district will be present. White ministers also welcome. We hope to have everything done in the spirit of meekness, humility and love. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God. Thos B. Smith (col.) district overseer of Miami, Fla. district.

Alabama City, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for this wonderful salvation. I am glad the Lord ever thought enough of me to take me out of sin. I am so glad He sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. The Lord has been so good to me, I can't afford to turn back. There isn't anything to turn back to.

Pray for me that I may ever be humble at the foot of the cross.

Thy brother,
Emmett Cornutt.

Dahlonega, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

After reading our paper for six years and receiving so much food for my soul, as well as valuable information from it, I feel that I must tell you some of how I appreciate it, but since "actions speak louder than words," I'll just say I have appointed two special workers for the Evangel. Please send us a roll of papers about every other week.

Kindly,
Milo Cross.

Tylertown, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

This is the first time I have written to the Evangel. I just write to praise the Lord for the paper, and thank the one that

sent it to me. I enjoy reading the paper so much.

I want to ask all the saints to pray for me that I may become a child of God.

With love and best wishes to all.

The Local Camp Boy.

Ozona, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all The Saints:

I praise God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and for healing my body. Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,
Owen Leigh.

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